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"We are ready and are waiting to meet everyone this after in the streets of San Nicolas. We will use the same route as the San Nicols Children Parade," Minister Visser said. The minister is doing his utmost to get people moving, to start exercising and live a more healthy life.

The Ciclovia event, organized by I.D.E.F.R.E. and the Aruba government, will start at 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There will be musical entertainment by a band and the businesses will stay open until 8:00 p.m., giving the public the opportunity to shop while exercising. There will be tents with personnel of the health department to check attendees blood pressure. Information will be given on how to live a healthy and well balanced life. It is the intention to organize this event every month and in the near future, every week.

Minister of Public Health and Sports, dr. Richard Visser invites everyone to come with their families and so start moving for a healthier Aruba

**Source: Liz Taylor to
wed again**



LOS ANGELES, California -- British-born screen icon Elizabeth Taylor is planning her ninth wedding.

The 78-year-old star of "National Velvet," "Giant" and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" is engaged to Jason Winters, 49, of Sterling Winters Management.

Winters is pop singer Janet Jackson's new manager.

Taylor was close friends with Jackson's recording star brother, Michael, who died last summer.

It's no secret that they've

been together forever and are in love, so it wouldn't be a surprise if they were engaged. Right now they are keeping it between them.

Taylor previously was married eight times -- twice to the late actor Richard Burton. She was last wed to construction worker Larry Fortensky from 1991-96.

The actress has, in recent years, battled myriad health issues and is not seen frequently in public.

**White House: Obama eyeing 10
people for top court**

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A White House aide says President Barack Obama is considering about 10 people to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.

The aide would not provide names. Among those thought to be on the list are federal appeals court judges Merrick Garland

of Washington and Diane Wood of Chicago. Another is U.S. Solicitor General Elena Kagan, and possibly Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Obama said yesterday he will move quickly to name a nominee, and he asked the Senate for a swift confirmation process.

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Post-Copenhagen climate talks begin amid discord

BONN, Germany (AP) — The United States gave a spirited defense yesterday of the threadbare agreement reached in Copenhagen against a barrage of criticism that the deal was struck by "a select few" that cast doubt on its legitimacy.

Differences were striking as countries began the first round of climate talks since the disappointing summit in the Danish capital in December, which yielded a result far short of the goal set two years earlier of a new agreement to control greenhouse gases blamed for raising the Earth's average temperature.

Delegates were in disagreement about whether that missed 2009 deadline should be reset for this year, or whether to set their sights lower for an agreement on the architecture of what the final deal should look like. Also unclear is whether any agreement would be legally binding.

Few delegates believed a final agreement is possible this year, and probably will wait until the end of 2011.



Chief U.S. delegate Jonathan Pershing said the three-page deal brokered in Copenhagen by President Barack Obama with China and other developing countries was "a significant milestone in our collective effort" to limit global warming to manageable levels.

It prompted dozens of countries to register what they will do to reduce or limit the growth of carbon emissions, he said, and it set up provisions to raise nearly \$30 billion over the next three years to help poor countries combat the effects of climate change, ramping up to \$100 billion a year by 2020.

"Amazing. We should not drop that or lose that," Pershing told negotiators from 175 countries.

The agreement, while scoring breakthroughs on key issues, has been criticized because all commitments on emissions are voluntary rather than binding, and because it set goals without indicating how they could be reached.

Pershing said the deal was done by a small group of international leaders after the U.N. negotiating process failed following two years of talks to resolve the crunch issues. It could only be accomplished because of the attendance of some 120 heads of state or government at Copenhagen, history's largest environmental summit.

Rio flood death toll hits 192, expected to rise

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — The death toll from floods and landslides around the Rio de Janeiro area this week reached 192 and was expected to rise further as searchers continued looking for bodies, authorities said.

Yesterday's downpours threatened to set off new slides as emergency crews used excavating equipment to search for

victims at the most devastated site — a slum built atop a garbage dump that was buried by a landslide.

Crews have pulled 17 bodies from the debris so far at the site in Niteroi, next to Rio. Authorities fear the death toll from the Niteroi slide alone could be as many as 200, though it was not clear exactly how many people were buried

beneath the mud.

The latest confirmed death toll of 192 was released in a statement by Rio de Janeiro state's civil defense department. It said 162 people were injured.

Most of the victims were swept away in landslides that roared through slums built on steep, unstable hillsides.

Public to get latest peek at Shroud

TURIN, Italy (AP) — The long linen with the faded image of a bearded man is the object of centuries-old fascination and wonderment, and closely kept under wrap. Starting today, and for six weeks, both the curious and those convinced the Turin Shroud is the burial cloth of Jesus Christ can have a brief look.

Traditionally, the public gets a peek at the 14-foot-long, 3.5-foot-wide (4.3-meter-long, 1 meter-wide) cloth only once every 25 years. But recent decades have seen much shorter intervals. The shroud went on display in 1998 after a 20-year wait and then in 2000 during Millennium celebrations

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Vatican: Pope willing to meet sex abuse victims

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican changed its tone and sought to reach out to victims of the sex abuse scandal rocking the Catholic Church, saying yesterday that Pope Benedict XVI is willing to meet with them and take part in the church's healing process.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, softened its recent attacks on the media, which the church has accused of mounting a hate campaign against the pope.

Lombardi defended Benedict as a pastor worthy of respect and support in the face of the "unfounded" allegations. But he also focused on the victim's needs.

In comments to Vatican Radio, Lombardi said many victims are looking not for financial compensation but for moral help, countering insinuations by some in the church that the accusations were part

of attempts to win large settlements.

"For many people the road to profound healing is only just beginning, and for others it has yet to start," said Lombardi. "In the context of this concern for victims, the pope has written of his readiness to hold new meetings with them, thus sharing in the journey of the entire ecclesial community."

Benedict has already met with abuse victims during trips to the United States and Australia in 2008 and with Canadians at the Vatican the following year.

In a letter to the Irish in which he apologized for decades of unchecked child abuse by priests, nuns and other clerics, the pontiff said he was sorry for the suffering of the victims. He told the victims, "I know that nothing can undo the wrong you have endured."

Ex-'Survivor' producer free from Mexican detention

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) — The producer of "Pimp My Ride" and formerly of "Survivor" was released from Mexican custody early yesterday, but remains under investigation after his wife's body was found in the sewer of a swanky Cancun resort, a state official said.

Bruce Beresford-Redman must remain in Mexico after being released just past midnight Friday, Quintana Roo state investigator Veronica Acacio said.

"He won't be able to leave

the country until we conclude our investigation into what caused her death," Acacio said.

Police detained the 38-year-old producer as a suspect Thursday after finding the body of Monica Beresford-Redman in a sewer at Cancun's Moon Palace resort, where the family was on vacation.

Her body had scratches on the neck, signs of asphyxiation and a heavy blow to the right temple, said Francisco Alor, the attorney general for Quintana Roo state, where Cancun is located.

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Caribbean battles worst drought on record; rainfall not predicted for another month

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) -- The Caribbean is battling a record drought that has shut down schools and courtrooms and sparked brush fires and a prison protest.

Countries including Guyana, Grenada, St. Lucia and Barbados report the lowest rainfall totals from October to March since records were kept, said Adrian Trotman of the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology.

The drought that started in October, normally the region's wettest month, is expected to continue at least until May.

"In some parts of the region, it's probably the worst drought ever on record," Trotman said. "Some things are really starting to go roller-coaster down."

St. Lucia declared a water emergency after main reservoir levels dropped more than 20 feet (6 meters), closing two schools and some courtrooms because of dry taps, said John Joseph, general manager of the state-owned Water and Sewerage Company.

In Guyana, a grass-roots women's organization staged a protest and fundraiser for a water truck, while the Central Islamic Organization of Guyana organized its first-ever prayer for rain.

Minister may remove telephone-tapped's right to know

DEN HAGUE, The Netherlands -- Justice minister Ernst Hirsch Ballin has told MPs he is considering scrapping the rule which says the security service has to inform people their telephones have been tapped after the tap has been removed.

In practice, those whose phones have been tapped are often hard to track down and there are enough other oppor-

Impoverished Amerindian communities in the mountains have it worse, said Regional Chairman Senor Bell.

"There's no way we can pump water from below to the mountain," Bell said. "The villagers will have to move and go to sites on the big rivers. They can't survive on the big mountains in the near future. They can't."

In Jamaica, where the island's largest dams have been operating at less than 40 percent capacity, inmates at a maximum-security prison protesting a lack of water started a riot that sent 23 to the hospital in February.

Trinidad has enforced its strict water conservation law for the first time since 1998.

In Barbados, crews have battled more than 1,000 brush fires this year compared to 361 fires during the same period last year, said Mervin Meyers of the Barbados Fire and Rescue Service.

Brief rainfall this week does not mean the drought is over, Trotman said.

"They are assuming that's the end of the bad stuff," he said. "I am cautioning them because once the system moves out of the region, the status quo remains."

Venezuela's Chavez Ex

tunities open to people to find out if their phone conversations have been listened into, the minister said.

Nor is there any requirement in European or human rights law to let people know their phones have been tapped.

Scrapping the requirement would also save the security services a considerable amount of work, the minister was reported as saying.

Dutch Christian fundamentalist party blocks women

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands (AP) -- A fundamentalist Christian political party led entirely by men was told by the Netherlands' Supreme Court yesterday that it must accept women in leadership roles.

The Political Reformed Party, known by its Dutch acronym SGP, has consistently held two or three seats in the country's 150-member national parliament since the 1920s but has never had a female candidate at any level.

"People say it's only a small party, so why bother?" said Kathalijne Buitenweg, chair of the women's rights organization that brought the case challenging SGP policies.

"But can you imagine the outcry there would be in this country if a party with these principles had been organized by Muslims?"

The SGP, which says it draws its inspiration from the Bible, has argued that restricting leadership roles to men is justified by religious freedom.

"The constitutional right to freedom of religion does indeed give the party the right to express its opinions," said Judge Detmer Beukenhorst, reading a summary of the court's ruling in The Hague.

"But in a democratic country, political ideals and programs can only be carried out within the boundaries set by laws."

The ruling said the party's policies are in conflict with the 1979 U.N. Treaty for the Rights of Women and it instructed the Dutch government to take unspecified measures to force the SGP to change.

Justice Minister Ernst Hirsch Ballin was quoted by Dutch paper De Volkskrant yesterday as saying he hoped the SGP would "draw its own conclusions" from the ruling.

In a statement, the SGP criticized the ruling as "incomprehensible" and said it would have no immediate effect.

"The SGP knows that it is

dependent on God in all circumstances and will go on no less strongly carrying out its mission," it said. "That is, bringing Biblical values into the governance and organization of the Netherlands."

It then unveiled its list of candidates for national elections in June -- with no women among them.

The SGP draws most of its support from members of various conservative Calvinist churches, notably the Netherlands Reformed Congregations, in an area known as the Dutch Bible Belt.

Buitenweg said that in a way it was surprising the ruling is coming now, and not a generation earlier. But she said the government and many people have turned a blind eye to the SGP, rationalizing it as politically irrelevant.

In addition, most of the women in communities where the party is strong do not support modernization.

Cuba dissidents propose vote on freeing prisoners

HAVANA, Cuba -- Cuban dissidents proposed recently that the public vote on whether the island's political prisoners should be freed, while Cuba said its enemies are using human rights to "demonize" it.

The dissidents acknowledge their idea is unlikely to be accepted, but said they suggested it to end an impasse between the government and dissident hunger striker Guillermo Farinas, who is seeking the release of 26 ailing

political prisoners.

"Why not leave the solution of this matter in the hands of the people?" Francisco Chaviano said in a press conference held by dissident group Agenda for the Cuban Transition.

He said the referendum, which would be unprecedented in Cuba where the Communist Party is the only legal political party, could be held in conjunction with upcoming municipal elections.

Annual inflation tops 26 percent in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) -- Consumer prices in Venezuela surged 2.4 percent last month, bringing the country's annual inflation to more than 26 percent, the Central Bank said.

The March inflation rate was a sharp increase from 0.8 percent in February. Inflation reached 5.8 percent during the first three months of 2010.

Food and beverage prices rose 3.5 percent in March, while prices for home appliances increased 3.3 percent, the Central Bank said. Health care costs, and prices at hotels and restaurants, crept up 2.3 percent.

President Hugo Chavez's government has been struggling against the highest inflation rate in Latin America and a weakening economy in general.

Venezuela's economy

shrank by 3.3 percent last year due to a downturn in the South American country's all-important oil industry, dragging the nation into a recession for the first time since 2003.

The economic contraction coincided with inflation of 25 percent, putting Venezuela in a situation that analysts call "stagflation."

Venezuela's inflation in the first three months of 2010 was more than triple that of some other South American nations during the same period. Chile posted a 0.9 percent increase from January through March, Ecuador's consumer prices rose 1.3 percent, and Paraguay registered a 1.8 percent increase.

Chavez's administration has predicted that inflation should end the year at between 20 percent and 22 percent. But some economic analysts expect it to be 30 percent or more.

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SETAR N.V. Egg hunt a complete success



Everyone on Aruba followed the SETAR egg hunt very closely. And not only through Canal 90 Fm radio station, but also on Facebook participants followed the clues given via SMS. No matter the means of communication, the SETAR egg hunt was phenomenal and everyone already collected their prizes.

Radio listeners followed the hints constantly. A peculiar thing of the event was that the hints were broadcast every hour like an extra bulletin, where a code was given so the participants could send an SMS at 221 with the code to get a clue. Clues were also given aside only via SETAR's Face book Fan Page

This year SETAR decided to split the egg hunt in two parts, one that goes through the neighborhoods and the other in an off-road style, where participants had to go to places frequented when off-roading. The winners afterwards collected their prizes at the Renaissance Marketplace, where there was an Easter program especially for the kids. There was, among others, an egg hunt, face painting, popcorn for everyone and entertainment by different bands.

SETAR, as always, gave



away good prizes, such as cellular phones, net books, iPod Shuffles, dinner for two certificates at renown restaurants, supermarkets gift certificates and



telephone cards

Photos give an impression of the animated SETAR Egg hunt.



On Easter weekend Fantastic garden once again scored with its egg hunt for the kids. Early in the morning more than 400 eggs were hidden in the garden of the premises and at 10 a.m. the kids were allowed to go egg hunting

Winners in the 3 to 6 years category were Jaiel Rojas, Eva Elle Gietel nd Daniel Maxwell. In the 7 to 10 years category: Fenicie Setro djemino, Zahir Semerel, and Derrick Britten. Needless to say the kids were very

happy with their prizes while the parents had a lovely morning with their children.

"Fantastic Garden pays attention to the whole family.



If your kid could not participate at this year's egg hunt, then be sure to get them in for next year," a spokesperson stated.

Aruba's Chamber of Commerce and Industry Meet the Press: April 2010

On Thursday, April 8, executive staff of the Kamer van Koophandel en Nijverheid Aruba, the Aruba Chamber of Commerce and Industry, or KvK, welcomed island media to their headquarters on J.E. Irausquin Boulevard for the monthly update.

Making the presentations were Leo Maduro and Laureen Dix, with KvK Director Lorraine de Sousa on hand to address inquiries and presiding over the conference, President of the Board, Sheila M. van Veen.

Leo Maduro reported on current stimulation of commerce on Aruba in regards to the number of new businesses registered for the first quarter of 2010. He compared statistics for the first quarter of 2009, when Aruba was feeling the effects of a global financial setback, and results show an improvement and some optimism towards industry. March 2009 had only 84 businesses registered as compared to 106 in March of this year. The first quarter of 2010 saw an average of 90 new businesses per month; also those closing their doors were reduced. In the first quarter of 2009, 279 local businesses cancelled their charters; by the end of March 2010, 214 registered vendors removed their businesses from the KvK rolls.

Mr. Maduro cautions that even though the end of the quarter figures for 2010 are encouraging, the world economy is still in a fragile state, and it is too soon to draw conclusions about the outcome of business stimulus on Aruba for the rest of the year. Tourism was also much stronger in 2010, with a marked increase in arrivals and resort occupancies. However, a number of franchises offered discounted rates this year over high season prices of last year, as was required by a heavily competitive market; the final revenues compared to last year still need to be tallied. An in-



KVK Director Lorraine de Sousa



KVK President of the Board, Sheila M. van Veen



Laureen Dix



Leo Maduro

creased number of visitors paying less means there may not be increased overall re-

sort revenues, but it is beneficial for peripheral businesses such as activities, restaurants and shops.

A very positive report was forthcoming from Laureen Dix on Aruba's mission to Colombia Trade Fair conducted in Bogotá, Colombia and the Expocomer 2010 in Panama. These included Aruba's Minister of Social and Economic Affairs, Michelle Hoyboer-Winklaar, who conferred with Panama's Minister of Foreign Affairs during their visit. Management staff from the Department of Economic Affairs, the KvK, and several interested island businessmen, including bank presidents and executives from the Aruba Free Zone attended the conferences.

Three of the individuals participating in the conference were present to report they found their visits to Colombia and Panama a revelation. Freddy Vargas, CTO of Engysol, Kenneth Geerman of G.P. Cargo Services and Adalberto Villaraga of Bachue's Jewelry and Repair uniformly expressed they felt the networking opportunities and possibilities for profitable business exchange were well worth the effort, and Aruban business should be open to the possibility of importing high-quality merchandise from these nations. They particularly expressed their surprise at the quality and diversity of materials and products offered, which island businesses can import with an increased profit margin.

A final piece of business was notification of the issuance of the annual KvK Financial Report, which can be viewed at their website; www.arubachamber.com. A full report on the foreign missions and the documents presented at Wednesday's press conference, along with requirements for doing business in Aruba, can be found on their site.

Mel Gibson to donate movie sets to Mexican museum

VERACRUZ, Mexico – The governor of the Mexican Gulf coast state of Veracruz says Mel Gibson will donate sets from the movie he's currently filming to a future museum.

Gov. Fidel Herrera says several sets were built inside the Ignacio Allende prison in

the port city of Veracruz and that the jail will be converted into a museum once Gibson is done filming.

In January, 1,500 inmates were transferred out of the prison to make room for Gibson's film, which began production this week and is tentatively titled "How I

Spent My Summer Vacation."

Herrera made the announcement Thursday.

Gibson filmed his 2006 Mayan-language movie "Apocalypto" in Veracruz.

Herrera said Gibson also donated some of the sets from that movie.

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UK postal workers boycott house after cat attacks

LONDON – Britain's postal service says it has suspended deliveries to a woman following repeated attacks by her 19-year-old cat.

Royal Mail said Friday that it had halted deliveries because postal workers had already sustained "nasty injuries" at the address in the town of Farsley, near Leeds in northern England.

The woman was identified as a 43-year-old pharmacy worker. Media reports say she found it hard to believe that her cat, named "Tiger," could be behind the attacks.

She told two newspapers the animal spent most of its day sleeping and didn't have the energy to chase postal workers.

Typo costs prisoner 3 extra years in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia – A Thai man has been released from an Indonesian prison after spending three extra years behind bars because of a typo in his paperwork, a report said Friday.

Kamjai Khong Thavorn, 53, should have been released in 2007 after serving a 20-year sentence for heroin possession but a clerical error wrongly stated his first year in prison as 1997 instead of 1987, the Jakarta Globe reported.

Kamjai was released Thursday after he told In-

donesia's justice minister of the mistake during a chance meeting on the minister's tour of the maximum security prison in Central Java, it said.

"We realized the mistake that was made, so he was released unconditionally," the prison's warden, Sutrisman, told the newspaper.

Kamjai has been taken to the Thai Embassy in Jakarta, the warden said.

Officials at the justice ministry and prison could not immediately be reached for comment Friday.

Science/Tech.

How Are Oil Spills Cleaned?



Last week, workers in Australia rushed to contain an oil spill from a grounded ship in the Great Barrier Reef. The Chinese-registered Shen Neng 1 ship was carrying 72,000 tons (65,000 metric tons) of coal, and was loaded with 1,000 tons (950 metric tons) of fuel when it collided into the Douglas Shoals region of the coral reef late Saturday.

Immediate efforts are being made to stabilize the damaged vessel, isolate the oil, and prevent further damage to the fragile coral. A boom will be placed around the ship to contain the oil leaking from its hull.

The oil slick is approximately 300 feet (91 meters) wide and stretches close to two miles (3.2 km), according to news reports.

Oil spills can be extremely hazardous and environmentally threatening, and need to be contained and cleaned as soon as possible. In the United States, the Coast Guard and the Environmental Protection Agency are two agencies that are responsible for cleaning up oil spills.

When an oil spill occurs, the oil floats and forms a millimeter-thick layer on the sur-

face of the water. Timing is crucial to prevent the slick's spread.

There are four basic ways to clean or contain an oil spill, and workers determine the most appropriate method depending on the location of the spill, potential hazards, weather conditions, waves and currents.

1. Contain the spill using booms, and collect the oil from the surface of the water using skimmers: Long, buoyant booms, which can be solid or inflatable tubes, surround and isolate the oil slick. The booms rise about 3 feet (1 meter) above water level, and are attached to a skirt that hangs underwater. From the surface, skimmers suck or scoop the oil into containment tanks on the shore or on nearby vessels. It is more difficult to use booms and skimmers on the high seas and under conditions of high winds.

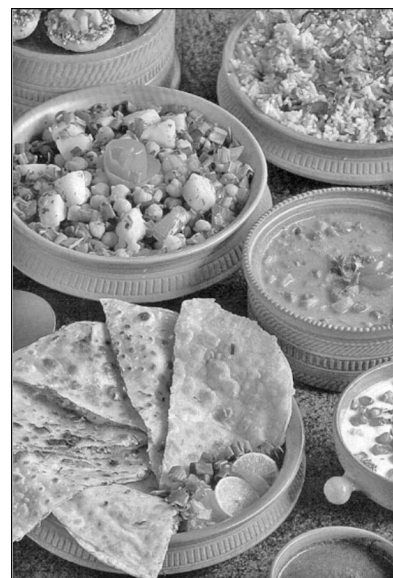
2. Use dispersants to break down the oil: Chemical dispersants can be used to break down the oil and speed up its natural biodegradation. Dispersants break the slick into droplets of oil, which makes it easier for the oil and water to mix, and for the slick to be

absorbed into the aquatic system. This method is not appropriate for all oil spills, and especially not in all locations. Dispersants should not be used when it can affect marine organisms, as the chemicals and broken-down oil can be absorbed by marine life – including sub-tidal seafood that can enter into the food chain.

3. Add biological agents to the spill: Oil that has washed up along a shoreline can be broken down through a process called biodegradation. Biodegradation occurs when bacteria and other micro-organisms break down the oil into harmless substances, such as fatty acids and carbon dioxide. Clean-up crews can speed up this process of biodegradation by adding fertilizing nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorous, which encourage the growth of micro-organisms.

4. Let the oil break down naturally: If there is no possibility that the oil will pollute coastal regions or marine life, the oil could be left to disperse naturally. The sun, wind, currents and waves can disperse and evaporate most oils, though light oils can disperse quicker than heavy oils.

The most notorious oil spill in history was the Exxon Valdez catastrophe in 1989. This disastrous oil spill released 11 million gallons (more than 41 million liters) of crude oil into the Prince William Sound in Alaska, and largely served as a wake-up call to the detrimental effects of oil spills on the ecosystem.

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2 more glaciers gone from
Glacier National Park

BILLINGS, Mont. – Glacier National Park has lost two more of its namesake moving icefields to climate change, which is shrinking the rivers of ice until they grind to a halt, the U.S. Geological Survey said Wednesday.

Warmer temperatures have reduced the number of named glaciers in the northwestern Montana park to 25, said Dan Fagre, an ecologist with the agency.

He warned the rest of the glaciers may be gone by the end of the decade.

"When we're measuring glacier margins, by the time we go home the glacier is already smaller than what we've measured," Fagre said.

The latest two to fall below the 25 acre threshold were Miche Wabun and Shepard. Each had shrunk by roughly 55 percent since the mid-1960s. The largest remaining glacier in the park is Harrison Glacier, at about 465 acres.

On a local scale, fewer glaciers means less water in

streams for fish and a higher risk for forest fires. More broadly, Fagre said the fate of the glaciers offers a climate barometer, indicating dramatic changes to some ecosystems already under way.

While the melt-off shows the climate is changing, it does not show exactly what is causing temperatures to rise.

In alpine regions around the world, glacier melting has accelerated in recent decades as temperatures increased. Most scientists tie that warming directly to higher atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide.

Some glaciers, such as in the Himalayas, could hold out for centuries in a warmer world. But more than 90 percent of glaciers worldwide are in retreat, with major losses already seen across much of Alaska, the Alps, the Andes and numerous other ranges, according to researchers in the United States and Europe.

World Cup final at Soccer City among 25 3-D games

LONDON – The World Cup final at Soccer City in Johannesburg will be among 25 matches at this year's tournament broadcast in 3-D.

Twenty-five of the 64 matches in South Africa will be filmed by at least seven pairs of cameras, with record five-time World Cup winner Brazil the most featured team. All three of its group matches are among the 15 first-round games scheduled for broadcast.

The United States' only scheduled 3-D match is against Slovenia on June 18 in Johannesburg.

Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Argentina, South Korea and Nigeria will each appear twice, with England and France among the



10 sides which must advance to stand a chance of their

matches being shown in the format.

The first World Cup match broadcast in 3-D will be the opening game between South Africa and Mexico at Soccer City. Four more of the 10 World Cup venues will participate in the venture: Ellis Park in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

"We wanted to make sure the key matches would be in the production schedule," FIFA director of TV Niclas Ericson said. "There was a lot of other reasons such as production constraints and other issues such as space."

The 3-D footage will be broadcast live to home viewers in 26 countries and at dedicated public events.

Home viewers pair the necessary 3-D television with so-called active shutter glasses, which are battery-powered and work by stopping the image to each eye alternately at a high rate.

The image quality is superior to that possible on cinema screens. Cinema audiences will wear the same passive polarizing glasses used for 3-D screenings of movies such as "Avatar."

But an exhibition of both systems at Thursday's announcement using action from last year's Confederations Cup showed that the bigger cinema screen compensates for any lower quality.

There is little difference to traditional images in wide

shots, but close-up images leap from the screen as players tussle for the ball or run toward camera.

Fans will be able to watch the 3-D matches at dedicated sites at Soccer City, Cape Town and Durban, as well as in cinemas and at fan festivals, modeled on the fan zones that took off in Germany during the 2006 World Cup, and in cities including Berlin, Paris, Rio de Janeiro and Mexico City.

FIFA has three confirmed 3-D broadcasters, including ESPN, and may announce more before the June 11-July 11 tournament. Spain, Britain and the United States have dedicated 3-D channels and FIFA expects Japan to have one before the tournament starts.

HEALTH

Developing test to warn smokers of cancer danger



WASHINGTON — Scientists may have found a way to tell which smokers are at highest risk of developing lung cancer: measuring a telltale genetic change inside their windpipes.

A test based on the research is being developed in hopes of detecting this deadly cancer earlier, when it's more treatable.

And if the work pans out, the next big question is: Might it even be possible to reverse this genetic chain reaction before it ends in full-blown cancer? The researchers found a tantalizing early hint among a handful of people given an experimental drug.

"They're heading toward

lung cancer, and we can identify them with this genomic test," said Dr. Avrum Spira of Boston University School of Medicine, who led the research published recently in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*.

Lung cancer is the leading cancer killer, and cigarette smoke is by far its main cause. Yet, not all smokers develop lung cancer; Spira cites estimates that 10 to 20 percent will. The risk depends in part on how much people smoke, for how long and how long ago they quit — but there's no way to predict who will escape it and who will not. Nor is there a good way to detect early-stage tumors. Consequently, most people are diagnosed too late for today's treatments to do much good.

"Even for people who have stopped smoking, there's a significant risk of cancer down the road, and it would be nice to identify which patients are really at

risk," said Duke University lung cancer specialist Dr. Neal Ready, who wasn't involved in the new research but called it intriguing.

"To have some sort of molecular test that would identify those patients would be very useful," he added, because they could receive close monitoring with lung scans that aren't practical for everybody.

Rather than focusing on the lung itself, Spira's team took a different approach. Smoking bathes the entire respiratory tract in toxins. So he hunted for the earliest signs of impending lung cancer upstream, in how different genes are turned on and off inside the upper airway as the body tries to defend itself and those defenses weaken over time.

At least 100,000 smokers or former smokers a year have a tube snaked down their throat to look for signs of cancer if an X-ray or other test detects something suspicious, Spira explained. Bronchoscopies can be used for a look down into the lung, but Spira was interested instead in cells that line the windpipe, collected during the same procedure.

Sure enough, he found a genomic signature — a pattern of gene activity — in otherwise normal windpipes that distinguished some current or former smokers who had lung cancer from those who didn't.

Then with Dr. Andrea Bild of the University of Utah, Spira analyzed cells from 129 current and former smokers and found the genes involved were part of a well-known cancer-causing pathway named the PI3K pathway. When PI3K-related genes are too active, too much cell growth can occur, but most studies have examined those genes only in tumors.

Spira reported finding PI3K activation in some current or former smokers with precancerous lesions, too, but not in those with other lung diseases.

Spira cannot estimate how much lung cancer might come from this genetic pathway. Nor does the work mean it's OK for people without this marker to keep puffing. Other lung cancer pathways could be at work, and smoking also causes heart attacks, other lung diseases and other cancers.

FDA to re-examine anti-bacterial chemical in soaps, cleansers



Triclosan linked to hormonal changes, antibiotic resistance in recent studies

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration Thursday acknowledged that there could be safety concerns regarding triclosan, an ingredient found widely in consumer products, such as antibacterial soaps, toothpaste and cosmetics, clothing and toys.

The FDA did not recommend that consumers change their behavior with respect to these products.

At issue is whether or not triclosan alters hormone regulation in humans, as it has been shown to do in animals. Such disruptions can cause developmental or other problems.

There is also concern that triclosan may contribute to

resistance to antibiotics, whereby bacteria develop ways around the potentially lifesaving drugs.

One public health advocacy group applauded the FDA announcement.

"It's about time FDA has finally stated its concerns about antibacterial chemicals like triclosan," Dr. Sarah Janssen, a medical doctor and staff scientist at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said in a news release. "The public deserves to know that these so-called antibacterial products are no more effective in preventing infections than regular soap and water and may, in fact, be dangerous to their health in the long run."

However, a representative of the cleaning-products industry defended triclosan's safety profile.

"With all due respect to the statement made by FDA, the agency has in its hands a wealth of scientific data showing a distinct germ-killing benefit of antibacterial soaps containing triclosan," said Brian Sansoni, spokesman for the Soap and Detergent Association (SDA). "We believe these products play a very impor-



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More clues to how HIV infects women

Researchers have identified a previously unknown way that women are infected with HIV, the virus that causes Aids.

HIV can break down and penetrate the epithelial cell barrier (designed to keep out infection) in the intestinal and female genital tract during intercourse, according to the study published online in *PLoS Pathogens*.

Prior to this study, many scientists believed that HIV invaded women's reproductive tract after some sort of trauma, such as a small tear during intercourse. This is the first time researchers have pinpointed HIV itself as the possible culprit.

The breakdown in protection appears to be caused by inflammatory factors produced when HIV binds to ep-

ithelial cells. The tight junctions between the protective cells are destroyed, which gives HIV access to the inside of the body in order to infect immune cells, the Canadian study authors noted.

"This is a significant step forward in defining where prevention strategies, such as microbicides and vaccines, need to focus. Instead of trying to stop HIV from infecting the target cells underneath the [protective barrier], we need to think about ways to stop the virus from attaching to epithelial cells themselves," lead researcher Charu Kaushic, an associate professor in the Centre for Gene Therapeutics at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, said in a university news release.

Women account for half of the 40 million people worldwide infected with HIV.

'Near-death' experiences linked to CO2

MARIBOR, Slovenia, April 9 -- So-called near-death experiences may be explained by elevated levels of carbon dioxide in the blood, researchers in Slovenia suggest.

Zalika Klemenc-Ketis and a team of researchers at the University of Maribor in Slovenia examined 52 cardiac arrest patients, who reported near-death experiences that included life flashing before the eyes, feelings of peace and joy and encounters with mystical entities.

"Several theories explaining the mechanisms of near-death experiences exist," Klemenc-Ketis said in a statement. "We found that in those patients who experienced the phenomenon, blood carbon dioxide levels were significantly higher than in those who did not."

The study, published in the journal *Critical Care*, said the association of near-death experiences and carbon dioxide has never been reported before and merits further study.

Tip: How to Control Diabetic Nephropathy

Suggestions to help spare your kidneys

Diabetic nephropathy is damage to the kidneys that occurs from uncontrolled diabetes.

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Bernice Chauly participant of literary festival 'Crusa Lama'



"Crusa lama" – Crossing the Sea, is a literary festival where authors and poets of Lebanon (Iman Humaydan), Malaysia (Bernice Chauly), Somalia (Yasmine Allas), the Netherlands (Bas Heijne) and Aruba get together to present a special collection of their pieces. Aruban authors taking part are Celcio Luciano Milliard, Carresse Isings and Belinda de Veer.

Following is a short biography of Bernice Chauly.

Bernice Chauly graduated with a B.Ed in English Literature and TESL from the University of Winnipeg, Canada. Of Punjabi and Chinese descent, she was born in Penang, Malaysia and grew up in small towns around the country before settling into the historical town of Ipoh.

She has published two collections of poetry, going there and coming back (1997) and The Book of Sins (2008) and a collection of short stories, Lost in KL (2008). She is currently writing a memoir of her family history, tentatively called Growing Up with Ghosts, part of her pioneering post-grad degree in Creative Writing and English Literature at Kuala Lumpur's Universiti Malaya. Her short

stories and poems have been published in various anthologies, – Silverfish 1, nineteen – a collection of stories by women and International Pen: Our Voice Anthology to name a few. She has taught courses in creative writing, film studies and literature for ten years and is a key organiser of literary readings in KL.

She has written plays and monologues and performed on stage, film and television. She is also known as a documentary photographer, now making a gradual transition to more conceptual work. Her award-winning work as a documentary filmmaker has dealt with dying folk traditions in Malaysian societies. Her work with marginalised communities over the years has compelled her to move beyond the word onto the image. Beatrice is also a school teacher and has a keen interest in issues dealing with injustice, human rights and identity.

She has also worked as an editor, journalist, food/travel writer and has written two coffee table books on Malaysia's first woman to reach the North and South poles (into the ice, into 90 degrees north) and the Insight Guide Smart Guide to KL 2009.

"Crusa Lama" will take place on April 18, in the gardens of the Arubiana Department of the Aruba National Library in Oranjestad at 7 p.m.

Organizers of the event are Aruba National Library together with Charuba Editorial Foundation and Stichting Winternachten. Everyone is invited to assist to this interesting festival. Tickets are available at Afl 5 at the Aruba National Library

Adam Steinfeld is back for a great evening of amusement and amazement

By Rosalie Klein

Many frequent visitors may remember Adam Steinfeld's Magic Live from years ago. I, along with my young son, were often in the audience, either on our own or when family came to visit, and it was always entertaining and enjoyable. A recent visit from my older brother, Joel, with his grandsons, who were experiencing Aruba for the first time, prompted us to catch his new revue. Adam can be seen performing at the Cabaret Royale in the Westin Aruba Resort nightly at 9:00 p.m., seven days a week.

My brother remembered enjoying the show quite a bit on a previous visit, so he was eager to provide his grandsons with a fun evening and something different to do. They are both 13, only 10 months apart; combine that with my now 18-year-old son and you have three very skeptical critics in the audience.

Despite our rather jaded group of "Doubting Thomases" Adam won them over with his steady wit, good natured jibes, and even elicited several gasps of amazement. The mix of humor and magic includes demonstrating how easy it is to perpetrate a simple illusion on one hand, then leave you totally perplexed a moment later. The badge of a good magician is to have audience members exclaiming, "How did he do that?" and I overheard this quite often, particularly from the family from New Jersey that shared out table; they were back to see the show for the second time during their vacation.

Adam has added five new illusions to his show, and the program involves a great deal of audience participation, which makes it particularly memorable for those who participate and adds to everyone's enjoyment. This is a great show for all ages, proving you are never too old to be surprised or amazed. The Cabaret Royale is a wonderfully intimate venue, allowing all the audience to feel very involved in the on-stage hi-jinks.

Following the performance, Adam and his staff dedicate their time to autographs and photo sessions, allowing guests to take home a special memento of the evening. Our group all agreed it was quite worthwhile.



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A kitesurfer or kiteboarder uses a board with or without foot-straps or bindings, combined with the power of a large controllable kite to propel the rider and the board across the water. In 2006, the number of kitesurfers has been estimated at around

150,000 to 210,000, with 114,465 inflatable kites sold that same year.

The sport is becoming safer due to innovations in kite design, safety release systems, and instructions. Riding styles have evolved to suit riders and conditions, such as wakestyle, waveriding, freestyle, freeride, jumping, and cruising.

Kitesurfing started on the island in 1998. Armando Wester, a professional windsurfer and certified instructor, and his buddies were the first ones to introduce Kitesurfing to the island of Aruba.

Since then, they have gotten more than 5,000 visitors and locals hooked on this new adrenaline rush sport.

Their years of experience, the trade winds on the island, the beautiful Caribbean Sea and the latest equipment make it an ideal and safe place for anyone to learn to kite. Kitesurfing is a hybrid of wakeboarding, hand-gliding and windsurfing for a radical new approach of kite power.

Anyone between the ages of 8 and 77 can enjoy this sport. So don't hesitate to call Armando or visit him at the Fisherman's huts, just north of the Aruba Marriott Resort, and see for yourself what an exhilarating rush this sport really is.

Lessons start daily at 8:30 a.m. or 4 p.m.

Tourists back at Machu Picchu

MACHU PICCHU, Peru (AP) — Tourists are back at Machu Picchu, which reopened after a two-month closure due to floods that washed out the rail link to the mountaintop ruins.

But officials say the entire route is not expected to reopen until June. Until then,

tourists can travel by bus from Cuzco to Piscachuco and from there by train to Machu Picchu Pueblo at the base of the ruins.

Peru's No. 1 tourist site had been shut down since late January, when heavy rains disrupted the rail link from the

city of Cuzco and trapped some 4,000 tourists, many of whom had to be rescued with helicopters.

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African fossils may fit gap between apes, humans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two skeletons nearly 2 million years old and unearthed in South Africa are part of a previously unknown species that scientists say fits the transition from ancient apes to modern humans.

The fossils bear traits from both lineages, and researchers have named them *Australopithecus sediba*, meaning "southern ape, wellspring," to indicate their relation to earlier apelike forms and to features later found in more modern people.

"These fossils give us an extraordinarily detailed look into a new chapter of human evolution and provide a window into a critical period when hominids made the committed change from dependency on life in the trees to life on the ground," said Lee R. Berger of South Africa's University of Witwatersrand. "*Australopithecus sediba* appears to present a mosaic of features demonstrating an animal comfortable in both worlds."

Modern humans, known as *Homo sapiens*, descended over millions of years from earlier groups, such as *Australopithecus*, the best-known example of which may be the fossil Lucy, who lived about a million years before the newly discovered *A. sediba*.

Berger said the newly described fossils date between 1.95 million and 1.78 million years ago.

Some have characterized the find as a "missing link," but that is a concept no longer accepted by science.

"The 'missing link' made sense when we could take the earliest fossils and the latest ones and line them up in a row. It was easy back then," ex-



plained paleontologist Richard Potts. But now researchers know there was great diversity of branches in the human family tree rather than a single smooth line.

The two new fossils were found in a pit in what was once a cave, their bones preserved by hardened sediment that buried them in a flood shortly after they died, the researchers said. One was a female estimated to have been in her late 20s or early 30s and the other was a male age 8 or 9, according to the report. Two more have been found since this discovery, but Berger declined to detail them. He said their features suggest that the transition from earlier groups to the *Homo* genus occurred in very slow stages.

"We can conclude that this new species shares more derived features with early *Homo* than any other known australopithecine species, and thus represents a candidate ancestor for the genus, or a sister group to a close ancestor that persisted for some time after the first appearance of *Homo*," he said.

But, Berger said, it isn't yet *Homo* because it "doesn't have the whole package." *A. sediba* could turn out to be a sort of Rosetta stone that helps unlock the secrets of the development of the genus *Homo*, even if it turns out to be a side branch.

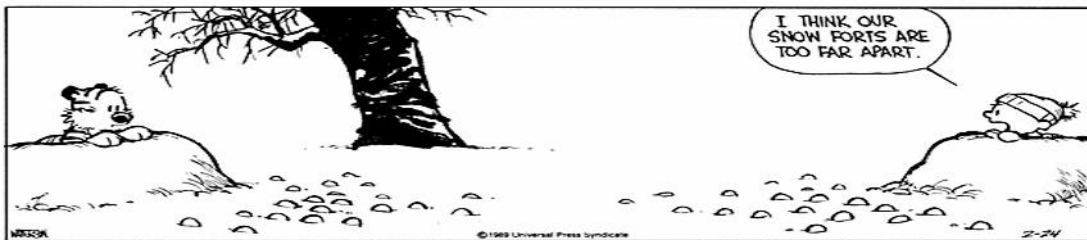
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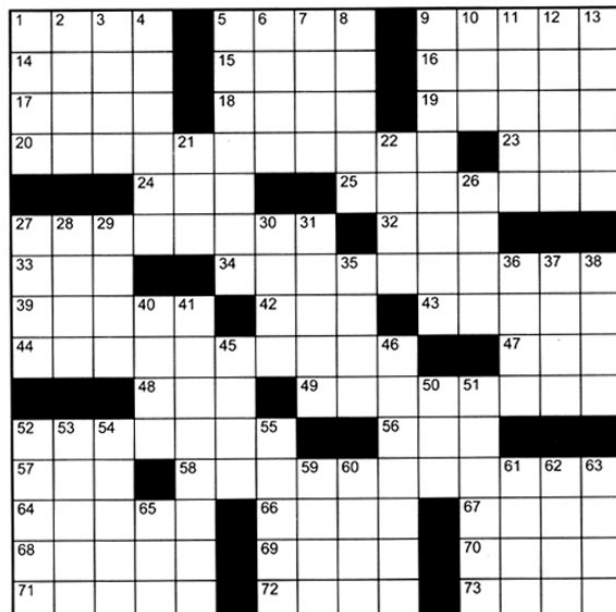
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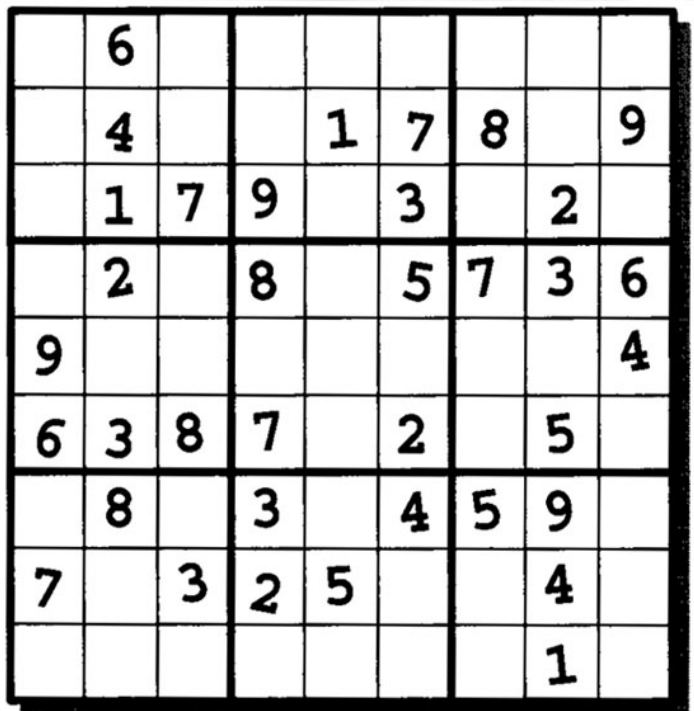
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Better US-China ties could speed currency change

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — For months, economists have expected Beijing to start boosting the value of its currency about now to ease strains in its fast-growing economy. The big question: Would Chinese leaders put off changes to avoid looking weak in the face of mounting U.S. pressure for action?

Washington has helped to defuse that conflict with conciliatory gestures including Thursday's impromptu visit to Beijing by U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner. Now analysts expect Chinese leaders to go ahead and let the yuan rise, possibly as soon as within the next few weeks.

"Now that the U.S. has given China more political breathing room, the Chinese can go ahead and do what they were going to do anyway, which is to resume gradual appreciation," said Andy Rothman, macro strategist for CLSA Asia-Pacific Markets.

Beijing tied the yuan to the dollar for decades but broke that link in 2005, allowing it to rise by about 20 percent through late 2008. The government slammed on the brakes after the crisis hit and has since held its currency steady against the greenback, saying China cannot afford further change after losing millions of factory jobs to the plunge in global de-

mand.

Washington and other trading partners complain that Beijing keeps the yuan undervalued by up to 40 percent, giving its exporters an unfair price advantage and swelling its trade surplus. Some American lawmakers are pushing for punitive tariffs on Chinese goods if Beijing fails to act.

Chinese leaders have their own reasons for allowing the yuan to rise. A stronger yuan would boost Chinese consumer spending power, easing reliance on exports. It would narrow China's politically volatile trade surplus, making the flood of foreign money pouring into the economy more manageable.

Economists long expected Beijing to act before the middle of this year so long as exports and economic growth were solid, and March trade data due out next week are expected to be healthy. Still, they caution that any increase will be gradual and is unlikely to narrow U.S. and European trade deficits and create jobs.

Some analysts expect the yuan to start rising as early as next month. That would defuse the issue before the June meeting of the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue, a high-level annual contact

Ford plans \$250M investment in Argentina business

NEW YORK (AP) — Ford Motor Co. has announced a \$250 million investment to develop and produce a new vehicle in Argentina over the next two years.

The automaker, based in

Dearborn, Mich., said that the investment will also fund upgrades and improvements at its plant in Argentina, which will manufacture the new vehicle for Ford's Latin America markets.

EU agrees on Greek rescue terms as Fitch downgrades debt

BRUSSELS/ATHENS — Euro zone officials agreed yesterday on the terms of a possible financial rescue for Greece as a credit ratings agency downgraded Athens' debt by two notches citing a worsening economy and rising borrowing costs.

Deputy finance ministers and central bankers of the 16 countries sharing the European single currency decided that any emergency loans would be made on terms almost identical to standard IMF bailouts if Greece needed them, an EU source said.

"A deal has been reached,"

the source with close knowledge of the discussions said. "It is almost a carbon copy of International Monetary Fund terms."

But the news brought only momentary relief on credit markets because Fitch Ratings cut Greece's credit rating to BBB- and signaled further downgrades are possible, citing intensifying fiscal challenges in the debt-plagued country.

New figures published yesterday highlighted a deepening recession that will further aggravate those problems as the government continued to resist market pressure to seek outside

help with its debt crisis.

EU newcomer Bulgaria meanwhile delivered a second shock to the euro zone by delaying plans to join the currency after admitting that, like Greece, it had lied about its 2009 deficit.

After investors dumped Greek assets this week due to growing doubts over the euro zone/IMF rescue plan, the risk premium on Greek bonds compared to benchmark German bunds briefly dipped below 400 basis points on news of the Brussels deal.

The euro gained one percent against the dollar.

Greek Fin Min: Athens not asking for rescue

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Debt-ridden Greece has not asked for the activation of a euro-zone and International Monetary Fund rescue plan designed to prevent a default, but details of how the plan would operate are being worked out, the finance minister said yesterday.

Greece has faced spiraling

borrowing costs in the last few days, a sign that markets fear the country will be unable to pay off its debts and that a bailout may be needed soon.

The country has been gripped by a debt crisis for months, and in March euro-zone leaders agreed on a hard-fought bailout plan that would provide Greece with bilateral

loans and IMF funds to avoid default and protect the euro. Athens had hoped the existence of the rescue package would calm markets and bring down the borrowing costs.

Asked whether Greece would seek help, Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou said that "no such issue has been raised."

Wholesale inventories and sales both post gains

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inventories held by wholesalers rose by a larger-than-expected amount in February while sales increased for the 11th consecutive month.

The Commerce Department said yesterday that inventories at the wholesale level were up 0.6 percent in February, better

than the 0.4 percent increase analysts had expected. Sales rose 0.8 percent, surpassing the 0.5 percent rise economists had forecast.

The gains were an encouraging sign that stronger demand is prompting businesses to restock depleted shelves, a development that will help sus-

tain the economic recovery.

Analysts are hoping that the string of sales increases will prompt businesses to begin restocking their depleted shelves on a sustained basis, giving a boost to the economy as it struggles to recover from the worst recession since the 1930s.

Oil up above \$86 on signs of stronger US economy

Oil prices rose above \$86 a barrel yesterday on a weaker dollar and after robust U.S. retail sales in March pointed to growing consumer demand in the world's biggest energy market.

By early afternoon in Europe, benchmark crude for May delivery was up 84 cents to \$86.23 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 49 cents to settle at \$85.39

on Thursday.

"The oil market is behaving the same way as we have seen during the past several weeks: 'one step back, two steps forward,'" said a report from Commerzbank in Frankfurt. "Supported by benign equity markets, sustained bullish sentiment and a slightly weaker U.S. dollar, the oil price recouped the losses of the previous two days."

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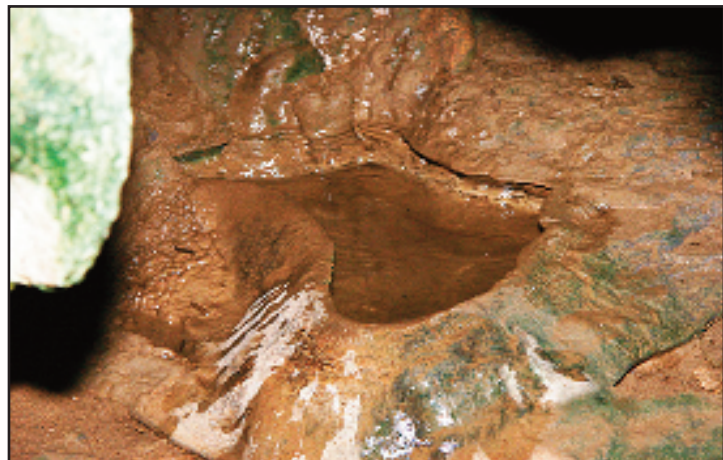
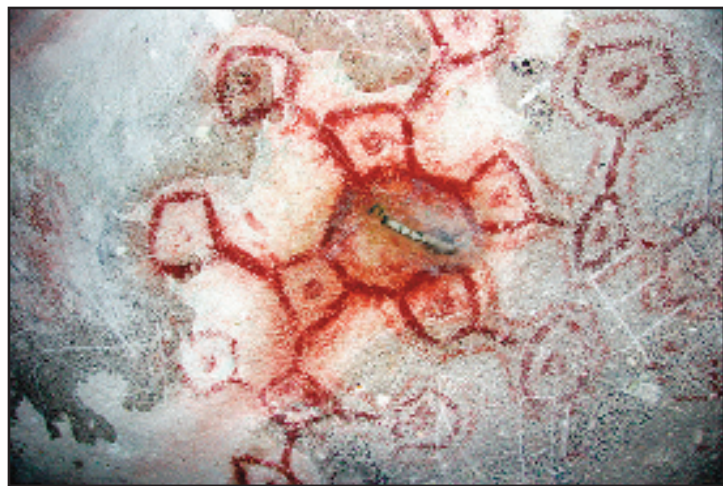
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A must see while on Aruba! The "Fontein Caves"



Around the world, tourists do a lot of site-seeing. That's the way they learn about other cultures and their histories. Aruba offers a great sanctuary to lay in the sun and get a tan, but there is much more to this small island.

One of the island's treasures are the "Fontein" caves located in Aruba's National Park, Parke Arikok.

Aruba has a lot of caves, some are small others very big, some are under the sea others above the sea, in some of them Indian drawings were found while in others only a few fos-

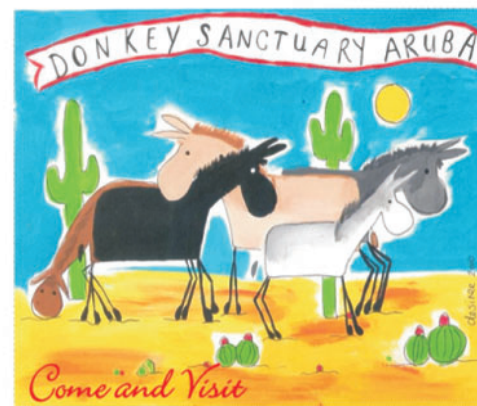
sils. Every cave has its own distinct uniqueness which sets it apart. The "Fontein" Cave (fountain cave) got this name because there is a spring water source in the cave. Years ago when there was no tap water the Aruban community got water out of the "Fontein" Cave. For safety they first boiled the water just to be sure the bacteria were killed. The area around the cave is very green because of the water as it is not only found inside the cave but also outside. It's nice to walk in the surrounding area where one can see the fishes in

the water, birds in the trees in complete serenity. The "Fontein" Cave was made by the power of the sea, a little bit strange when you see the sea 300 meters away from the cave. But Aruba has changed and is still changing, just like the whole world does.

The "Fontein" Cave is formed by coral, limestone and minerals. When visiting the cave you will think it is just formed by rocks, but once inside one can see how special it is as it changes all the time. In the cave there are a lot of bats, the long nose and long tongue bat.

In the "Fontein" Cave Indian drawings were found, only at the beginning of the cave, meaning they used the cave only for protection against the weather. The drawings are probably made with iron oxide (extracted from coral) and from juice of the Brazilian tree. The rangers of Arikok National Park are protecting the drawings really good, because some of them have been completely damaged by the sea wind and humans. The cave is in a nature area, full of Aruba's flora and fauna. Sometimes the rangers catch snakes and they put them for a few days in a terrarium so tourists can see what lives on Aruba. You can visit the cave everyday from 9:30 a.m. till 4:15 p.m. And for the real cave freak, together with a ranger you can walk up to 250 meters into the cave.

"Fontein" Cave is one of Aruba natural wonders and is well worth a visit. Don't forget your camera!



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Enola Gay crewman who helped arm atomic bomb dies

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AP) — Morris Jeppson, a weapons test officer aboard the Enola Gay who helped arm the atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima, has died in a Las Vegas hospital. He was 87.

Molly Jeppson, the wife of the Air Force second lieutenant who flew only one combat mission, told The Associated Press yesterday that her husband died March 30 at Summerlin Hospital Medical Center.

Jeppson's wife said her husband was taken to the hospital several days earlier after complaining of a violent headache.

Molly Jeppson described her husband as a "great, wonderful" man who spoke with her and their children about his role aboard the Enola Gay.

"He told me that he was just doing the job and that's what they all were doing," Molly Jeppson said. "They all felt that way that were on the plane."

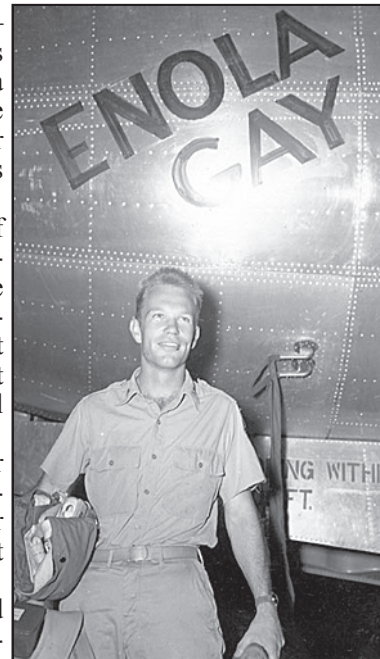
A coin toss put Jeppson on the infamous B-29 bomber that dropped the first of two atomic bombs which helped bring an end to World War II.

Jeppson mostly avoided the inevitable spotlight that came with his role in the war, but stepped forward later in his life to ensure his place in history and share his views about the Aug. 6, 1945 bombing that would change the world.

"It's not a proud thing. It was a devastating thing," Jeppson said in a 2003 interview. "It's unfortunate, but it probably saved hundreds of thousands of American lives and many more Japanese lives."

Jeppson's death means navigator Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk is the Enola Gay's last surviving crewman.

Jeppson went to graduate



Morris Jeppson

school at the University of California, Berkeley, after leaving the military. His wife said they were married 49 years and had spent more than 20 years living in Las Vegas after moving from Carmel, Calif.

Jeppson helmed a handful of high-tech companies and worked as a consultant for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Molly Jeppson said her husband did not want services, and that his body was cremated and the ashes spread over the Nevada desert.

Along with his Molly Jeppson, his second wife, Jeppson is survived by brother Lawrence Jeppson of Salt Lake City; two daughters Nancy Hoskins of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Carol English of Medford, Ore., from his first marriage; daughter Sally Jeppson of Gackle, N.D.; stepdaughter Jane Ross of Midland, Ontario; stepsons Mike Sullivan of Pahrump and John Sullivan of Lakeport, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Emaciated children signal crisis in southern Sudan



Two-year-old Nyagod Kuel attempts to eat on her bed in a hospital ward in Akobo

AKOBO, Sudan (AP) — Three-day-old Odong Obong lay in the hospital bed, his pencil-thin arms almost motionless and his shriveled, gaunt face resembling that of an elderly man.

Emaciated babies and young children throughout the ward bore the signs of hunger: exposed ribs and distended stomachs. Outside, old villagers reclined motionless in the shade, too frail to walk.

The U.N. calls this the "hungriest place on Earth" after years of drought and conflict, with aid agencies already feeding 80,000 people here. A doctor says the worst is yet to come.

Two years of failed rains and tribal clashes have laid the foundation for Africa's newest humanitarian crisis. The World Food Program quadrupled its assistance levels from January to March in the Akobo region of southeastern Sudan.

International aid agencies are bracing for the worst. Even if spring rains materialize this year, the harvest won't come in until fall.

"And if there is no rain, it will get worse," said Dr. Galiek Galou, one of three doctors at the hospital in this town on the border with Ethiopia.

"If you stay here for a week you'll have problems, even if you have money," he said. "There is nothing to buy."

Southern Sudan lies in a drought-prone belt of Africa, but the situation has been exacerbated by rising intertribal violence that claimed more than 2,000 lives in 2009. Because of the global financial meltdown, the government has fewer available resources.

The food crisis is also a legacy of a devastating north-south civil war of more than 21 years that left 2 million people dead and many more displaced. That conflict is separate from the war in the western Sudanese region of

Darfur, which began in 2003 and has killed 300,000.

The aid groups Save the Children and Medair have canvassed the Akobo community for the past week, searching for the hungriest children. They found 253 who they classified as severely malnourished, meaning they will die without immediate intervention. The children are enrolled in a feeding program that relies primarily on fortified peanut butter.

Another 200 severely malnourished children are being fed in a separate program, said the U.N.'s Dr. Natalie Lewin.

At the hospital, one toddler who appears to be in the worst shape is 2-year-old Dhoah Thoan, whose skin hangs off his body in an alarming way. He has skinny arms and an oversize stomach but bright brown eyes. Two beds over is Nyagod Kuel, also 2. If he had not been brought in for treatment, he would have died, Galou said.

Nearby, Odong lies on colorful blankets under mosquito netting with his triplet brothers Opiew and Ochan. Their mother hovers at the side of the bed.

"The hunger situation is really bad," said Goi Juoyul Yol, 37, the town's top official, who graduated from the University of Kentucky. "You'll have a cup of grain for a family of five for two days."

A recent survey by Save the Children and Medair found that almost 46 percent of children in the region are malnourished. Lise Grande, the top U.N. official in southern Sudan, labeled the Akobo region as the "hungriest place on Earth." She noted that most humanitarian agencies regard a malnutrition rate of 15 percent to be an emergency threshold.

"This year 4.3 million people in southern Sudan will need some sort of food assistance," Grande said. "That

could be as much as nearly half of the population in the south. When you have that many people who need food, you can see the dimensions of the crisis."

Sitting outside one of the hundreds of grass huts that have popped up in recent months as people flee violence and search for food was Kalang Nyot, 32. The mother of five said she walks for 12 hours three times a week to gather a small orange fruit called lalif. A grandmother stays behind and watches the children, but because she is so weak she can barely move.

Mohamed Nuh, an emergency program manager with Save the Children, said aid agencies will need to shift food out of Akobo because families are moving into the town center and away from farmland where they could plant crops, a situation that could begin a cycle of unending need.

"While they're here they just sleep and wait for the food distribution," he said. "The current strategy is not working."

But Akobo's town center showed one of the dangers of moving food away from a central area of accountability.

Among the wooden shops, one salesman had 60 bags of sorghum — a type of grain — for sale donated by the United States. The American flag and "USAID" are stamped on the bags, along with the words "Not to be sold or exchanged." But Deng Bichiaki was indeed selling them — food aid that was likely stolen for the black market.

"Our governments do not intend this to be sold. I must say I've never seen so many bags on one occasion," said Morten Petersen, a technical assistant to the European Commission who was visiting Akobo to see how much aid was needed.

Despite the apparent fraud, Petersen said he would report back that Akobo was suffering "a very severe problem that we will have to confront in coming weeks."

The town is part of an isolated region suffering from tribal warfare that has displaced almost 400,000 people.

Sudan's elections start April 13 and will include local as well as parliamentary and presidential polls in a three-day balloting. The vote is a crucial step in Sudan's 2005 north-south peace deal that ended the civil war and paves the way for a referendum that will allow southerners to decide whether to secede from the Muslim-dominated north.

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South African white supremacist laid to rest



Supporters of slain white supremacist leader Eugene Terreblanche, carry his coffin outside the church.

VENTERSDORP, South Africa (AP) — Hundreds of mourners sang South Africa's apartheid-era anthem at yesterday's funeral of a white supremacist killed in what has been described as a wage dispute with two young black farmworkers.

Camouflage-clad men carrying pistols and little girls in their Sunday best gathered in the country's northwest to mourn Eugene Terreblanche, whose body was brought into the church in a closed coffin covered in red and white flowers.

Terreblanche's death has not sparked wider violence. South African leaders acknowledged that racial tensions remain 16 years after apartheid ended, but have played down any threat to the World Cup that starts in June, the first time football's premier tournament will come to Africa.

White militants who considered Terreblanche their leader say his death proves whites aren't safe under majority rule. Black leaders say controlling crime — whether its victims are white or black — is a priority in a country with one of the highest rates of violent crime in the world.

Terreblanche's coffin was draped with a flag — red, black and white, with a Nazi-like symbol in the center — representing the white supremacist movement he led. Two men wearing the group's military-style uniform guarded the coffin.

The some 500 people in the church rose and sang Die Stem, an Afrikaans song that

was the national anthem during the apartheid era. One verse of the song, which translates to "The Call," is a verse in the modern, multi-lingual national anthem, Nkosi Sikeleli Africa.

The hour service also included hymns, Bible readings and impassioned rhetoric. A motorcade then wound its way to Terreblanche's farm, where he was buried within sight of the largely disused farmhouse where he was killed.

Several mourners linked Terreblanche's death to the fiery rhetoric of a top member of the African National Congress. In recent weeks, Julius Malema, leader of the ANC Youth League, has been reviving an anti-apartheid era song that refers to killing white farmers.

Among the speakers at the service was Steve Hofmeyr, a well-known Afrikaans singer, who accused Malema of hate speech and government of failing to control crime.





Japanese female pitcher joins men's team in US

TOKYO (AP)—A female knuckleball pitcher from Japan will be playing for a minor league team in the United States.

Eri Yoshida, an 18-year-old pitcher who played pro ball in Japan last year, signed with the Chico Outlaws of the Golden Baseball League. The team said she will report to spring training next month. "I am grateful for this opportunity to pitch for the Chico Outlaws," Yoshida said. "This is a dream come true for me and I hope I can contribute to the team and help them win and also to continue to improve as a pro baseball player."

Yoshida will be the first female to pitch for a pro team in the United States since Ila Borders retired more than 10 years ago, the team said.

"We are really looking forward to having Eri as a mem-

ber of the Chico Outlaws this season," team president Mike Marshall said.

The 5-foot, 114-pound Yoshida became Japan's first female pro baseball player last year when she pitched for the Kobe Cruise 9 in the Kansai Independent League.

She was 0-2 in 11 appearances with a 4.03 ERA, giving up seven runs in 10 2-3 innings.

The team is making accommodations to provide separate locker room facilities and hotel rooms while traveling.

Yoshida learned how to throw a knuckleball by watching video of Tim Wakefield and recently got a few tips from the Boston Red Sox pitcher at the team's spring training facility in Fort Myers, Fla.

The 10-team Golden Baseball League is an inde-

pendent minor league with teams in Arizona, California and Canada.

The Outlaws open on the road on May 21 in Tijuana and return for their home opener on May 26th.

NY judge faults boxing weigh-in, awards no damages

ALBANY, New York (AP)—The New York State Athletic Commission failed to properly weigh boxer Arturo Gatti before he fought Joey Gamache at Madison Square Garden in 2000, but that didn't cause Gamache's career-ending knockout loss, a judge said.

Evidence shows a commission official let Gatti off the scale before it could be reasonably determined he made the 141-pound (64-kilogram) limit but doesn't show Gatti was "substantially" heavier, Court of Claims Judge Melvin Schweitzer said in awarding no damages.

HBO unofficially weighed Gatti at 160 pounds and Gamache at 145 pounds before the next night's fight.

Gamache, a former two-time world champion, was pummeled by Gatti, who knocked him out in the second round.

Gamache says he suffered brain damage in the fight and was hospitalized for days. He ended his career with a record of 55 wins and four losses.

Russo has since died. The Athletic Commission, which oversees and regulates boxing and wrestling events, said Thursday it was pleased with the judge's ruling and agreed "that the issue of the weigh-in was not what caused" the injuries Gamache suffered.



NHL Standings

EASTERN CONF.				
Atlantic	W	L	Pts	
x-New Jersey	45	26	97	
x-Pittsburgh	45	26	97	
Philadelphia	39	34	84	
NY Rangers	36	32	82	
NY Islanders	33	35	76	
Northeast				
x-Buffalo	43	25	96	
x-Ottawa	43	31	91	
Montreal	39	32	86	
Boston	36	30	84	
Toronto	29	36	72	
Southeast				
z-Washington	52	15	116	
Atlanta	34	32	81	
Carolina	33	36	76	
Florida	31	35	74	
Tampa bay	31	35	74	

WESTERN CONF.				
Central	W	L	Pts	
y-Chicago	49	22	105	
x-Nashville	46	28	98	
x-Detroit	41	24	96	
St. Louis	38	31	87	
Columbus	32	34	78	
Northwest				
y-Vancouver	48	27	100	
Colorado	42	29	91	
Calgary	40	30	89	
Minnesota	37	36	81	
Edmonton	24	46	58	
Pacific				
x-San Jose	48	20	107	
x-Phoenix	48	25	102	
x-Los Angeles	44	27	95	
Anaheim	38	31	85	
Dallas	35	30	84	

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ; z-Conf.Champ

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONF.					
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Boston	49	29	.628	--	
Toronto	38	40	.487	11.0	
N.York	28	50	.359	21.0	
Phil	26	52	.333	23.0	
N.Jersey	11	67	.141	38.0	
Central					
z-Cleveland	61	18	.772	--	
x-Milwaukee	44	34	.564	16.5	
Chicago	38	40	.487	22.5	
Indiana	30	48	.385	30.5	
Detroit	25	53	.321	35.5	
Southeast					
y-Orlando	55	23	.705	--	
x-Atlanta	49	29	.628	6.0	
x-Miami	44	34	.564	11.0	
x-Charlotte	42	36	.538	13.0	
Wash.	24	54	.308	31.0	

WESTERN CONF.					
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Dallas	51	27	.654	--	
x-San Ant.	48	30	.615	3.0	
Houston	40	38	.513	11.0	
Memphis	39	39	.500	12.0	
N.Orleans	35	44	.443	16.5	
Northwest					
x-Denver	51	27	.658	--	
x-Utah	51	28	.646	1.0	
x-Portland	48	30	.615	3.5	
x-Okl. City	48	30	.615	3.5	
Minn.	15	63	.192	36.5	
Pacific					
y-LA Lakers	55	23	.705	--	
x-Phoenix	51	27	.654	4.0	
LA Clippers	27	52	.342	28.5	
Sacramento	25	54	.316	30.5	
Golden St.	24	54	.308	31.0	

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PG-13	OUR FAMILY WEDDING			
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On the road to 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa

Group B: South Korea

In the cold light of day, South Korea still remain as outsiders when it comes to the World Cup, mainly due to the fact that the Taegeuk Warriors have never advanced to the knockout stages in a tournament hosted in a country outside of their own.

However, the fact that the Koreans are lined up to take part in their eighth World Cup, and their seventh consecutive tournament, proves just why they're the strongest in Asia. In 2006, they were the only team from their continent to win a match. The boys from the Land of the Morning Calm qualified for their first ever World Cup hosted by Switzerland in 1954.

As expected, they were smashed by Hungary and Turkey. In their second World Cup appearance, which came 32 years later, Park Chang-Seon's wonder strike from 25 yards out against Argentina gave his nation their first-ever World Cup goal. It laid the foundation in starting the streak of what has eventually become seven consecutive appearances on the world stage over the next two decades.

However, fulfilling the aspiration of winning a match, let alone advancing to the knockout stage, was not an easy task. The Taegeuk Warriors lost all three matches in Italy in 1990 and were hit with the reality of the stiff competition handed on the world stage as a pair of draws and a loss in 1994 and a disastrous 1998 campaign saw the fans starting to run out of patience.

That is not to say that the two-time Asian champions had no success on the world stage.

They certainly displayed their potential when the opportunity of hosting the event in their backyard presented itself. They made a miraculous run to the semi-finals in 2002, followed by a relatively solid performance in Germany four years ago, when they won their first ever World Cup match on a foreign soil. Having said

that, Goal.com takes a look at Korea's golden moments in the World Cup.

GOLDEN MOMENT – History Made In 2002

A full 16 years after scoring their first-ever goal, the east Asians were now regulars of the World Cup, having qualified to the big stage five consecutive times. They co-hosted the 2002 tournament with Japan.

With the entire nation backing them with transcendent support, the Koreans finally got their first World Cup win with a dominating 2-0 victory over Poland and advanced to the knockout stage by topping Group D, eliminating Luis Figo-led Portugal in the process.

The ride continued when the hosts came back from a goal down to knock the Italians out in the Round of 16 in extra-time, earning them a quarter-final fixture against Spain.

The fatigued Koreans were massive outsiders against La Furia Roja and they were thoroughly dominated, but with sheer spirit and a sea of red in the stands driving the team forward, the match was pushed to the penalty shoot-out as 120 minutes weren't enough for either team to score.

With the home side leading the shoot-out 4-3, Spain's fourth kicker Joaquin Sanchez's shot was blocked by Lee Woon-Jae. Captain Hong Myung-Bo sealed the deal by converting the fifth penalty, as the nation erupted into jubilation.

500,000 WCup tickets unsold, empty stadiums loom

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—World Cup organizers say 500,000 tickets are unsold and fear "tragic" empty stadiums at soccer's showcase event.

FIFA says Friday the tickets would go on sale to the general public in South Africa on April 15. Organizers have less than two months to sell nearly a quarter of the tournament's total match tickets to avoid empty seats.

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Ronaldo gives up on Brazil return

SAO PAULO, Brazil - Veteran Brazil striker Ronaldo, the all-time top scorer at World Cup finals with 15 goals, admitted Friday he was not in the frame for a shock return to the national side.

Ronaldo, now 33 and plying his trade with Corinthians of Sao Paulo, has not played for the national team since the 2006 quarter-final loss to



France, which brought him his 97th cap for 62 goals.

And while he would like to don the canary yellow shirt again and would answer the call from coach Dunga, the "Phenomenon" says realistically he won't be on the plane to South Africa.

"Given the few matches I have played this season I don't deserve to be in the Brazilian squad, that's clear. But I am still at the call of the coach - after all, it's my country," said Ronaldo, who said in February he would retire at the end of next year.

Zimbabwe hoping to attract more World Cup teams

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) - Zimbabwe says it is trying to "lure" national football teams from Brazil, Chile and Mexico for a pre-World Cup visit.

Tourism minister Walter Mzembi says the countries, including five-time World Cup winner Brazil, had been asked to train in Zimbabwe.

Mzembi confirmed earlier this week that North Korea's national team will visit. He said Thursday the squad would be in Zimbabwe from May 22-31 and the troubled African country, which borders South Africa, would use the visit to "brand Zimbabwe."

Mzembi said Zimbabwe "did not get a positive response" to requests for the United States, England and Australia to stop off on the way to the World Cup. He said Zimbabwe had given up on convincing them.

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Lukas' horse on Derby trail with big prep upcoming

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP)—Over a decade removed from his last Kentucky Derby win, D. Wayne Lukas is quietly optimistic about his chances for another.

Dublin, Lukas' top Derby contender, will run in the Arkansas Derby today at Oaklawn Park. The chestnut colt is without a win since

September, but after finishing second in the Southwest and third in the Rebel, he figures to remain on the Kentucky Derby trail with or without a victory this weekend.

"Our goal is not today. We're looking beyond that," said Lukas, the Hall of Fame trainer. "Don't get me wrong, we're going to try to win the



D. Wayne Lukas

race, but our major goal is the one that really counts."

Lukas has won the Kentucky Derby four times, but not since Charismatic's victory back in 1999. It's been a while since he saddled a major contender, but Dublin came on the scene impressively with two straight wins last year, including a triumph in the Hopeful Stakes at Saratoga.

Dublin (7-2) is one of three main contenders in the Arkansas Derby. Super Saver (9-5) is the morning-line favorite, and Noble's Promise (2-1) is also in the mix after finishing a close second in the Rebel.

Super Saver, with jockey Calvin Borel aboard, drew the No. 1 post. Dublin and Noble's Promise will start immediately to his outside in the 1 1/8-mile race.

There are nine horses entered in the race.

Super Saver set a stakes record in last year's Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes at Churchill Downs, but he's raced only once in 2010, finishing third in the Tampa Bay Derby. The Todd Pletcher-trained colt is 25th on the graded stakes earnings list, meaning he's by no means assured of a spot yet in the May 1 Derby.

Noble's Promise, trained by Kenny McPeck, is also trying for his first win this year. He won the Breeders' Futurity in October, and he began his 2010 campaign by finishing second in the Rebel to Lookin At Lucky, another

top Derby contender. Lookin At Lucky is bypassing the Arkansas Derby after racing in last weekend's Santa Anita Derby.

Dublin was 3 lengths behind Noble's Promise in the Rebel.

Although Dublin hasn't won in a while, Lukas appears confident his horse has a big race in him—and he's hoping it will happen in May at Churchill Downs. Sire Afleet Alex won the Arkansas Derby by a then-record 8 lengths in 2005, then went on to take the Preakness and Belmont.

Afleet Alex is one of several Arkansas Derby entries

in recent years that went on to bigger and better things.

Last year, Summer Bird was third in the Arkansas Derby then quickly blossomed, winning the Belmont en route to honors as the year's top 3-year-old colt.

Lukas hasn't won the Arkansas Derby since 1985, but it's safe to say he isn't worried about that. It's the Kentucky Derby drought he'd like to end.

"I think I'm in a great spot to win it. I like my horse, I like where I'm at," he said. "In all my wins, the four that did win it, I never did make a lot of noise until the day."

Poulter leads at Augusta but Woods in hot pursuit



AUGUSTA, Georgia (AP)—Tiger Woods shot a 2-under 70 in the second round of the Masters and was only two shots off the clubhouse lead headed into the weekend. Ian Poulter of England shot his second straight 68 for a midway total of 8-under 136. Woods is at 138, following up his opening-round 68 with a performance that might have been even more impressive in the tougher conditions at Augusta National. Woods is bidding to become the first player to launch his season with a major victory since fellow American Ben Hogan clinched the 1953 Masters. "I want to be in contention and I've put myself right there," Woods told reporters after parring the last three holes. "On this golf course you can make up shots and you can lose shots. That's one of the beauties of it. It should be an exciting weekend."

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